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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER,	) )
Plaintiffs,	) Case No. 9:15-cv-00106-DWM
v.	) FEDERAL DEFENDANTS' ) STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
UNITED STATES OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLMATION AND ENFORCEMENT, et al.,	<ul> <li>) SIGNAL PEAK ENERGY, LLC'S</li> <li>) REPLY IN SUPPORT OF</li> <li>) EMERGENCY MOTION TO AMEND</li> <li>) JUDGMENT, MOTION FOR</li> </ul>
Defendants.	<ul><li>) REMEDIES HEARING, AND</li><li>) MOTION TO STAY INJUNCTION PENDING REMEDIES HEARING</li></ul>

On September 11, 2017, Federal Defendants joined Defendant-Intervenor Signal Peak Energy, LLC's ("Signal Peak") emergency motion to amend the Court's August 14, 2017 judgment, motion for a hearing on remedies, and motion to stay the Court's injunction pending a hearing on remedies. *See* ECF No.71; *see also* ECF Nos. 69, 70. Federal Defendants now provide notice to the Court of their support for the arguments raised in Signal Peak's reply in support of its motion, *see* ECF No. 84.

Dated: September 29, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 29, 2017, I filed the foregoing document electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused all counsel of record to be served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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